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HOW TO MAKE YOUR HOUSE WINTERPROOF

1. Seal up all unused doors & windows; fasten them closed, stuff rags into cracks & paste tape over them.
2. Put metal or felt weatherstripping around all doors & windows in use; cover inside crack around frame.
3. Caulk around outside frames of doors & windows; remove "staff bead" if possible; fill crack with oakum, insulation material, or caulking compound; replace staff bead.
4. Put up storm doors & windows, bought ready-made of kiln-dried lumber; plane to fit tight; 4 turn buttons or hooks around frame will hold storm sashes in tighter.

5. Look for cracks under eaves, & in basement where frame-work meets foundation; block off with caulking compound or insulating material.
6. Close off all unused rooms; stop door cracks with felt weather- stripping or neat strips of cloth before closing.
7. If using attic, insulate ceiling; if not, insulate floor; lay insulation material between joists, 2-4 inches thick.
8. Insulation material should be durable, chemically inactive, fireproof, vermin proof, odorless, non-absorbent.
9. Home-made insulation: sawdust, planer shavings, cotton-seed hulls (can all be made fire-resistant); Spanish moss, pumice, lava rock; sometimes corrugated cardboard.
10. Commercial insulation: vegetable fiber, mineral & glass wool, hair, expanded minerals; as boards, loose, bats.
11. Commercial materials about equal per inch of thickness. CT-91

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